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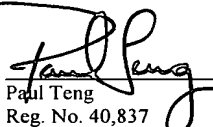
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97, Applicant hereby submits this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the reference listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. A copy of the reference is also enclosed herewith.

The reference listed on the annexed Form PTO-1449 was cited in a February 28, 2006 official action in connection with a corresponding Japanese patent application. Another reference (JP 5-233789) cited in the February 28, 2006 Japanese official action was already submitted by Applicant with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 31, 2003, and therefore is not being enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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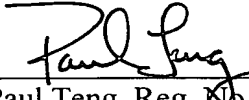
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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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